GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADEH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted on the Office of District Registrar (O.B), Nellore on 20/21.04.2005 - Departmental action initiated against Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of R.O (O.B), Nellore – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries – Inquiry report communicated – Explanation received – Imposed the penalty of withholding one annual grade increment with cumulative effect – Representation filed – Considered – Punishment set aside and exonerated - Regularization of suspension period as on duty under FR 54 (B)(3) - Orders - issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.541 Dated:03-09-2021
Read the following:

1. From the D.G,ACB,Hyd.,Lr.No.8/DES-NNL/2005, dt:21.07.2005.
2. Charge Memo No.17783/Vig.VI (1)/2005-4, dated: 02.06.2007.
3. G.O.Ms.No.728, Rev (Vig.VI) Department, dated:02.06.2007.
4. Representation of Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly S.R-II, O/o.R.O (O.B), Nellore, dated: 11.07.2007.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1936, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dt:15.10.2008.
6. From COI, D.O.Lr.No.1962/COI-CK/A1/2009, dt:12.01.2011.
7. Govt. Memo.No.17783/Vig.VI (1)/2005-20, dated:27.03.2014.
8. Representation of Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly S.R-II, O/o.R.O (O.B), Nellore, dated: 22.04.2014.
9. Govt. Lr.No.17783/Vig.VI(1)/2005, Rev (Vig-II) Dept, dt.31.5.2014.
10. From APPSC, Lr.No.854/RT/2/2014, dt.17.7.2014.
11. G.O.Rt.No.715, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated:28-07-2014.
12. Representation of Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly S.R-II, O/o. R.O (O.B), Nellore.
13. Govt.Lr.No.17783/Vig.VI(1)/2005-41, Rev (Vig-II) Dept, dt.17-07-2017.
14. From the APPSC, Hyd., Lr.No.622/DC&C/1/2017, dt.17-08-2017.
15. G.O.Rt.No.1000, Revenue(Vig.II)Department, dated:26.09.2017.
16. Representation of Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly S.R-II, O/o.R.O (O.B), Nellore, dated: 05.10.2020.

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ORDER:

Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government, vide reference 1st read above that, on credible information that the staff working in the Office of District Registrar (O.B), Nellore are indulging in corrupt practices, the Anti Corruption Bureau officials conducted surprise check over the said office on 20/21-04-2005 and found certain irregularities and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the erring officials. Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of R.O (O.B), Nellore is one of the Charged Officers.

2. And Whereas the Government after careful examination of the matter have initiated Departmental action against all the charged officers. In respect of Sri P.Ramakrishna, former Joint Sub Registrar-II, Nellore, charges were framed against him vide reference 3rd read above, for not declaring his personal cash in the cash declaration register since 11.1.2005; for not signing in the attendance register on the day of surprise check; for engaging private persons to collect illegal gratification from the public through document writers and also for engaging a private person to work in the office. The Charged Officer vide reference 4th read above has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying the charges and as the same was not convincing, the case was entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries to enquire into the charges, vide reference 5th read above.

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3. The Commissioner of Inquiries, vide reference 6th read above has submitted the Inquiry Report. In the findings of the Inquiry Report, the Commissioner of Inquiries has stated that in view of the contentions submitted by Sri P.Ramakrishna, former Joint Sub Registrar-II, Nellore, the charges framed against him are not proved. The Government after examining the enquiry report observed that Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (O.B), Nellore had failed to declare his personnel cash in the cash declaration register, hence disagreed with the findings of the Inquiring Authority. Accordingly, the disagreement factors were communicated to the Charged Officer along with the Inquiry Report with a direction to submit his explanation, vide reference 7th read above. The Charged Officer has submitted representation vide reference 8th read above.

4. Government after examining the representation of the Charged Officer with the material available on record and after obtaining the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have imposed the penalty of withholding one annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (O.B), Nellore, vide reference 11th read above.

5. Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Nellore in the reference 12th read above has filed his representation against the above penalty, stating that at the time of surprise check, he was busy in preparation of revision of market values in Nellore Municipal Corporation and the same has been confirmed by the Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation and that the Commissioner of Inquiries in his findings held the charges framed against him as not proved, therefore requested to drop further action against him.

6. Whereas the contention of the Charged Officer has been reexamined in detail with the material available on record and observed that Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Nellore was not present in the office at the time of surprise check. He was attending the work relating to revision of Market Value in Municipal Corporation, Nellore at that time and the same was certified by the Municipal Corporation Nellore. Further the Commissioner of Inquiries who enquired into matter held that the charge farmed against Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Nellore as not proved and recommended to drop further action against him.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to set aside the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increments with cumulative effect imposed against the Charged Officer and exonerate him from the Charge. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission vide reference 14th read above has concurred with the proposal of the Government.

8. Accordingly, Government have set aside the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment with cumulative effect imposed against Sri P.Rama Krishna, formerly Sub Registrar-II, Office of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Nellore vide reference 11th read above and exonerate him from the charge.

9. Sri P. Ramakrishna, Assistant Inspector General, O/o. Commissioner & Inspector General (Registration & Stamps) has submitted a representation vide reference 16th read above requesting to regularize the suspension period from 11.05.2005 to 23.06.2005 and from 15.05.2006 to 24.11.2006 as 'ON DUTY' in terms of F.R.54-B (3).

10. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to regularize the suspension period. Accordingly, hereby order to regularize the suspension period in respect of Sri P. Ramakrishna, Assistant Inspection General, O/o. Commissioner & Inspector General (Registration & Stamps), (now retired) from 11.05.2005 to 23.06.2005 and from 15.05. 2006 to 24.11.2006 as 'ON DUTY' in terms of F.R.54-B (3).

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11. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No FIN01-HR0RSPE/1/2021-HR-IV, Dated:10.07.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individual. *(through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Nellore)*
The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Nellore.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, AP Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, PN Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER